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Representative Lee B. Perry proposes the following substitute bill:

### **CONSTABLES AMENDMENTS**

2012 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry** 

Senate	Sponsor:	
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#### **LONG TITLE**

#### **General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to a county constable and deputy constable.

#### **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- prohibits a county from contracting with a constable for a period that exceeds four years;
- requires a constable to present certain identification;
- requires a constable or deputy constable to notify the agency of jurisdiction {before serving a bench warrant} in certain circumstances;
- ► limits a constable's appointed term to four years; <del>{</del>
- prohibits a constable from operating in a county unless the constable registers with the county;} and

makes technical corrections.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### **Other Special Clauses:**

None

#### **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

#### AMENDS:

17-25-5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 49

**17-25-6**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 135

17-25a-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 234

### <del>{ENACTS:</del>

17-25-7, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:* 

Section 1. Section 17-25-5 is amended to read:

#### 17-25-5. Contracts for constable services.

- (1) The governing body of [any]  $\underline{a}$  municipality or county where a justice court exists may contract with [any]  $\underline{a}$  constable to provide services in criminal cases for the contracting governmental entity by [any]  $\underline{a}$  method and for [any]  $\underline{a}$  amount mutually agreed upon.
- (2) (a) A contract between a governing body and a constable, including a contract described in Subsection (1), may not exceed four years.
- (b) A contract described in Subsection (2)(a) may be renewed or extended for a period not to exceed four years.

Section 2. Section 17-25-6 is amended to read:

#### 17-25-6. Identification of constables -- Uniform requirements.

- (1) While performing a duty described in Section 17-25-1, a constable shall prominently display a badge {, subject to Subsection (3),} or other visible form of credentials and identification identifying:
  - $[\frac{1}{2}]$  (a) a person as a constable;
  - $\left[\frac{(2)}{(2)}\right]$  (b) the person's name; and
  - [(3)] (c) the county or municipality for which the constable is employed.

- (2) If a constable serves process, the constable shall:
- (a) verbally communicate to the person being served that the constable is a constable; †
- (b) subject to Subsection (3), if the constable is wearing a law enforcement or similar uniform, verbally inform the person being served that the constable is not acting in a law enforcement role;} and
  - (<del>{c}b</del>) print on the first page of each document served:
  - (i) the constable's name and identification as a constable;
  - (ii) the county or municipality for which the constable is \{\text{employed}\}\)appointed; and
  - (iii) a business phone number for the constable.
- (3) {(a) A constable may not wear a uniform, badge, or other identification that is similar to or maybe confused with another law enforcement officer's uniform, badge, or other identification unless the constable:
- (i) is also employed as another law enforcement officer with the county or city in which the constable performs a duty described in Section 17-25-1; and
- (ii) complies with the identification requirements of Subsections (1) and (2) if the constable is serving process.
- (b) If a constable other than a constable described in Subsection (3)(a)} If a constable wears a uniform, the uniform shall be clearly marked with the word "constable" on the {front and back of the } uniform shirt and, if applicable, jacket. {
  - Section 3. Section 17-25-7 is enacted to read:
  - 17-25-7. Notification of bench warrant.
- If a constable or deputy constable serves a bench warrant, the constable shall notify the agency of jurisdiction before serving the bench warrant.}
  - Section  $\frac{4}{3}$ . Section 17-25a-3 is amended to read:
  - 17-25a-3. County and city constables -- Terms -- Authority -- Deputies.
- (1) Constables appointed by a county or city are appointed for terms of [six] <u>four</u> years and may serve more than one term if reappointed by the appointing body.
- {{}}(2) (a) Constables serving process outside the county in which they are appointed shall contact the sheriff's office or police department of the jurisdiction prior to serving executions or [bench warrants or] seizing any property. {{}}
  - (\{2\}\brace) A constable \{\text{may not operate, as defined in Section 17-25-7, in a county unless}

the constable registers in accordance with Section 17-25-7 in that county} or deputy constable shall notify the agency of jurisdiction by contacting the sheriff's office or police department of jurisdiction before serving a warrant of arrest.

- (3) The appointed constable may, upon approval of the appointing county or city, employ and deputize persons who are certified as special function peace officers to function as deputy constables.
- (4) If the county or city appointing body withdraws the authority of a constable, the authority of all deputy constables is also withdrawn.
- (5) If the authority of a constable or deputy constable is withdrawn, notification of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division of the Department of Public Safety shall be made pursuant to Section 53-6-209.

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